

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the communication filed on 9/26/11.

All objections and rejections have been withdrawn.

Claims 11, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, and 23 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The application is allowable for the reasons set forth within the Appellant's brief. As argued on page 16 of Appellant's brief, the claimed invention requires, in combination with remaining claim limitations, a modem connection over which data packets of the data transport protocol and key exchange protocol are transported using a point-to-point protocol whereas, within the closest prior art, the modem connection lacks the use of a point-to-point protocol for transporting data packets of the data transport protocol and key exchange protocol.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFERY WILLIAMS whose telephone number is (571)272-7965. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Shiferaw can be reached on (571)272-3867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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